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In re Application of :  
Qiu, et al. :  
Application No. 09/576,516 : ON PETITION  
Filed: May 23, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. 018926-002110US :

This is in response to petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 18, 2009.

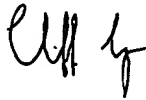
The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the final Office action mailed October 23, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on January 24, 2009. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a courtesy Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and submitted the required reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal, together with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2437 for consideration of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, filed May 19, 2009.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

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